

Success Story: City of Somerton/Cocopah Tribe

Outline of Need: *The Cocopah Indian Tribe and City of Somerton have recently entered into an IGA to jointly provide fire/emergency services to their respective communities. Current facilities are old and cramped. Expanding or remodeling either facility to meet future growth demands is not cost effective or practical.*

How Rural Development Helped: *USDA Rural Development provided a direct loan in the amount of \$2,915,848 and a grant for \$50,000. The City of Somerton provided \$657,096 and the State provided \$35,000.*

The Results: *This is a joint use project and has proven to be very successful in that it houses both the City of Somerton police station and under an Intergovernmental Agreement provides fire and emergency services to the nearby Cocopah Indian Reservation. This facility provides a joint public safety facility that utilizes common parking, classroom, and exercise areas. It is located within 10 miles of the U.S. Mexico boarder and is a first responder initiative project. Construction of the 21,440 square foot public safety facility has provided a one stop shop for emergency responders.*

